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Nearly ready for launching, UVic's Marine Sciences Service Vessel at Shore Boat Builders, New Westminster. Below, naval architect David Moore, of Vancouver, with Dr. Jack Littlepage.



# 'FLOATING LAB'

The University of Victoria will soon have a "floating laboratory" capable of handling a variety of research tasks in and around Vancouver Island waters.

The \$250,000 Marine Sciences Service Vessel (yet to be named) will be launched February 5 for trial runs by its builder, Shore Boat Builders Ltd. of New Westminster, and will be brought over the following week for interior fitting at Philbrook's Shipyards Ltd. of Sidney.

Dr. Jack Littlepage (Biology), service vessel co-ordinator, said the boat will be delivered to UVic in May or June with its home base being the Environment Canada dock at Patricia Bay.

The aluminum alloy replace boat is 54 feet long, 15½ feet wide and has a displacement of 50,000 pounds. Its cruising speed is 12 knots from a 275 shaft horsepower diesel.

"It represents a quantum jump in our research capability," said Dr. Littlepage, noting that UVic has a strong marine



Rosalind Petch, wife of UVic President Howard Petch, died overnight Sunday at their Waterloo home. The couple are shown last Thursday night when they met faculty and staff members at a reception here. They left Victoria Saturday, and according to the few details available at press time, Dr. Petch was in London, Ont. at the time of his wife's death. Mrs. Petch is also survived by a son Stephen, 22, of Toronto, and a daughter, Patricia, 20, a student at the University of Waterloo where Dr. Petch was academic vice-president.

biology research programme which has been hampered by lack of a suitable vessel.

He stressed the boat will be available to any department for sea-going research or for transport. Most oceanic research here is being carried out by Biology, but, for instance, if Anthropology needed it for living quarters for any extended research on the Queen Charlottes, it would be available.

The vessel, to sleep up to five persons, including a permanent crew of two, will likely be used almost every day of the working year, as has been the present launch, Vancouver II, which Biology has on loan from the federal Ministry of Transportation.

Vancouver II, which will be returned to MOT when the new vessel is ready, has mainly been used for specimen collection and has working room for two persons.

The new vessel will have a normal "dry lab" within the superstructure, and a "wet lab" on deck level for the messy work of hauling in specimens, putting

them into circulating sea water tanks or deep freezing them.

The wet lab area will have a hydraulic crane and a deepsea oceanographic winch. The boat has steering and engine controls at the work deck which will provide close control of manoeuvering for underwater work

Dr. Littlepage said this means the boat is also capable of being a base for small research submarines.

The wheelhouse is fully equipped for coastal navigation, including radar, automatic pilot, echo sounder and radio telephone. A "flying bridge" is fitted above the wheelhouse for close inshore manoeuvering.

There is also space for stowage and inflation of a rubber raft.

Dr. Littlepage said the boat is designed for coastal work and it will mainly be used within 100 miles of Victoria. For deepsea research, UVic has accessibility to MOT research ships.

In being a floating laboratory, the new vessel will now allow scientists to examine fresh specimens aboard "rather than half-dead or preserved ones later in a university laboratory".

For instance, Dr. George Mackie has been unable to do proper research on local corals because they die almost immediately after being collected and he will now be able to anchor above a coral bed and do his work there.

#### S.P.A. SOCIETY FORMED

Students at UVic's new School of Public Administration (SPA) have formed their own society under the Societies Act of British Columbia.

Richard Thomas, one of its three directors, said the society was established to meet the special needs of the school's 85 students who are studying for a master's degree in public administration.

He said the programmes and social functions of the Graduate Students' Society are not apt for S.P.A. students because they usually take place at night. Most S.P.A. courses are held in the afternoon and evening for the benefit of the many part-time students who are also holding down jobs.

The society has initiated a noon-hour programme called "Operation Lunch Bag" in which experts from administration fields speak to the students.

Mr. Thomas said the society is seeking membership in the Institute of Public Administration of Canada "so we'll have professional contacts before we graduate."

Chairman of the society is Wesley

Black, who was minister of highways with the former Social Credit administration. The other director is Geoffrey Brockhurst, who is an employee of Canada Manpower. Members of the executive are Dave Ritcey and James Lovelace.

### CENSURE LIKELY TO END

Censure imposed against the University of Victoria in 1971 by the Canadian Association of University Teachers (CAUT) will probably be lifted at CAUT's May council meeting.

CAUT President Richard Spencer announced at a news conference last week at UVic that he will recommend to the meeting that censure be lifted.

He and UVic President Howard Petch indicated the University would contribute \$12,400 and CAUT about \$2,600 to a special trust fund to be established by CAUT "to assist those individuals whose academic careers may have been damaged" during the controversy at UVic in 1970-71.

In 1970, Dr. William Goede, J.P. Graff, and Dr. Tikam Jain were denied renewal of contracts at UVic. This led to CAUT's censure of the University.

When it was asked at the press conference whether UVic was buying itself out of censure, Professor Spencer replied that the more important basis for the settlement has been a marked improvement in the promotion and tenure procedures at UVic.



Tony Degroot (left) and Jan Van Der Ven (Buildings and Censure that a historic link is preserved on campus. The sap background, which was in the front yard of the old Finne where the MacLaurin Building now is, was demolished p Superintendent of Grounds, said the sapling was developed Station because the old apple tree is expected to die with

He said CAUT has also been impressed by Dr. Petch's "strong commitment to run the university in the way the CAUT finds is in the best interests of academics and students".

Professor Spencer said that censure is imposed against a university as a last reluctant resort. "It is a blunt, broad instrument, which in our judgement has a serious effect on a university."

Secretary Brenda Barnabe (University Relations) looked out her window one morning recently and discovered this driverless Buildings and Grounds truck partly sunk in a large mud puddle a few feet behind her "F" Hut office. It was later explained that the truck was being used around the new McKinnon Building, which is without service roads yet. "Call it one of the hazards of site development," said G.E. Apps, Director of Buildings and Grounds.





punds) plant a sapling on the quadrangle in an effort tong is a result of a scion taken from the apple tree in the farm house, which was approximately r to the beginning of the campus in 1964. Rex Murfitt, ad with the help of the federal Agriculture Research a few years.

Besides giving a university a bad name, it encourages any of CAUT's 17,000 members to think very seriously whether to accept a position at a censured university.

He and Dr. Petch said that with the lifting of censure the waste of time and energy given to politicking and meetings over the issue will end for concentration on "exciting things like teaching and research."

Also present at the announcement were S.J. Cunliffe, chairman of UVic's Board of Governors, and Dr. Charles Tolman, president of the UVic Faculty Association.

#### **NURSING HEAD NAMED**

Dr. Isabel MacRae, Associate Professor at the University of Illinois and Associate Member of its Graduate College Medical Centre, has been appointed Director of UVic's new School of Nursing.

Dr. MacRae's five-year appointment is effective July 1, the Board of Governors announced this week.

To help prepare for the opening of the school in September, UVic has been employing Mary Richmond, an expert in nursing administration who is with a local hospital, as a part-time consultant.

Miss Richmond has already interviewed more than 200 persons for some 20 initial openings in the two-year post-basic programme.

Canadian-born, Dr. MacRae is a specialist in rehabilitation, orthopedic and surgical nursing. She began her career with Toronto General Hospital in 1951 as a staff nurse, becoming head nurse in orthopedic surgery in 1953.

Between 1955 and 1957, she worked as a nurse with the Nuffield Orthopedic Centre in Oxford, England, meanwhile gaining a certificate from the British Orthopedic Association and the Central Council for the Care of Cripples.

In 1958-61, Dr. MacRae was with the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Centre at the New York Orthopedic Hospital. During this time she completed a course in orthopedic nursing techniques and gained her bachelor of science in nursing at Columbia University.

In 1962-65, she was an Assistant Professor at the University of Iowa. In 1965, she joined the faculty of the University of Illinois, taking leave in 1968 to gain her doctorate at New York University.



DR. ISABEL MacRAE. . . begins July 1

Dr. MacRae holds the Matron's Award for Scholastic Excellence at the Nuffield Centre, the Award for Teaching Excellence, University of Illinois College of Nursing, and the Founder's Award, New York University.

Last year she held a workshop on "Loneliness and the Elderly: Relationships to Rehabilitation Measures" at the University of Manitoba. She is also consultant in rehabilitation nursing for the extended care unit at St. Boniface Hospital in Winnipeg.

Dr. MacRae belongs to a number of professional organizations, including

the American Nurses' Association, the National League for Nursing, the New York Academy of Science and the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine.



Lieutenant General Richard C. Stovel of the Canadian Arm Forces, Deputy Commander in Chief, North American Air Defence Command (NORAD), will speak to Dr. Reginald Roy's history class at 9:30 a.m. February 6 in Cornett 267. His subject will be North American air defence. Persons not enrolled in the class who wish to attend are advised to contact Dr. Roy.

# **FACULTY NEWS**

# **HISTORY**

William Epstein, a United Nations expert in disarmament and arms control who has been here this year as a visiting professor, has been appointed the Green visiting professor at U.B.C. for 1975 and he will be delivering a series of lectures there in February and March.

Professor Epstein has had an article "The Inexorable Rise of Military Expenditures" published in this month's issue of the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists. Another article has also been accepted for a forthcoming issue of the Scientific American.

# **CREATIVE WRITING**

William Valgardson will have a collection of 10 short stories called *God is not a Fish Inspector* published this July in both hard and soft covers by Oberon, Ottawa.

The stories, all set in Manitoba, were written in the last two years and have previously appeared in the West Coast Review, the Antingonish Review, Prism International, the Windsor Review and

New Canadian Stories, 74.

Professor Valgardson's last collection, *Bloodflowers*, has sold out in hard cover and its title story is being adapted for a CBC Television play later this year.

#### CHEMISTRY

Dr. Martin Hocking recently participated in the second Alberta Sulphur Gas Workshop held at Kawanaskis under the joint sponsorship of Alberta Environment and the Environmental Sciences Centre of the University of Calgary.

The workshop was attended by representatives of federal and provincial agencies, oil companies, environmental consulting firms and universities. At issue was the current sulphur dioxide emission rate of 1,500 tons per day by sour gas plants in Alberta.

#### FRENCH

Dr. Jennifer Waelti-Walters recently attended the Modern Language Association conference in New York where she gave a paper entitled "Butor's Didacticism".

Her paper "Passage di Milan: le point de départ" has just been published in a volume entitled *Approches de Michel Butor* by Collection 10/18 (Paris).

#### **GEOGRAPHY**

Dr. J. Douglas Porteous attended the recent conference of the International Geographical Union in Palmerston North, New Zealand, where he gave a paper entitled "The Multinational Corporation as Urban Planner: The Chilean Response". The paper is an extension of his recent publication, "Social Class in Atacama Company Towns", in the

Annals of the Association of American Geographers.

#### **COMING EVENTS**

FRIDAY, January 31

12:30 pm Music at Noon, MacLaurin 144.

12:30 pm Seminar, University Lectures Committee and Department of Classics, MacLaurin 101. Dr. John B. Ward-Perkins will speak on "The Roman marble trade: its implications for classical history and art history."

1:30 pm

Lecture, Department of Psychology.

Elliott 167. Dr. R.E. Ornstein, Institute for the Study of Consciousness,

Langley Porter Neuropsychiatric
Institute will deliver a colloquium on the topic "Physiological Studies of Cognition".

SUNDAY, February 2

2:15 pm Soccer. UVic. UVic (Div. 1) vs. Prospect Lake.

2:15 pm Soccer. UVic. UVic (Div. 2) vs. Royals.

MONDAY, February 3

4:00 pm Seminar, Department of Biology. Cunningham 1018. Dr. J. Kimmins, Faculty of Forestry, UBC will speak on "Forest biogeochemistry: implications for zoologists".

7:30 pm Lecture, Department of Philosophy. Clearihue 132. Dr. C.B. Daniels will speak on "Tibetan Book of the Dead".

8:15 pm Lecture, University Extension Association of Victoria. Elliott 168. "A model for International Understanding". J. Matthews, Director, Lester B. Pearson College of the Pacific.

TUESDAY, February 4

4:30 pm Music. MacLaurin 144. Voice recital: Pierann Moon, soprano and Michael B. Eckford, baritone.

7:30 pm Seminar, Department of Bacteriology and Biochemistry. Clearihue 267. Dr. J.B. Warren, Department of Physics, UBC. "The TRIUMF Story".

8:00 pm Faculty and Staff Badminton. Old Gym.

WEDNESDAY, February 5

4:30 pm Poetry reading, Department of Creative Writing. Elliott 167. Tom Wayman will read.

7:30 pm Senate meeting. Cornett 112.

THURSDAY, February 6

12:30 pm UVic Women's Action Group. Craigdarroch 203.

12:30 pm Film, Education Media Society, Faculty of Education and the Curriculum Laboratory. MacLaurin 144. New Films from NFB.

9:40 pm Cinecenta Films. MacLaurin 144. John Korty's "Crazy Quilt" (USA 1966).

FRIDAY, February 7

12:30 pm Music at Noon. MacLaurin 144.

7:15 pm Cinecenta Films. Hard-boiled Howard Hawks in "The Big Sleep" (1946).

SATURDAY, February 8

7:15 pm Cinecenta Films. MacLaurin 144. "The Ruling Class" (1972).

8:00 pm Dance, International Students Club.
Commons Block. Trinidad Steel Band.
Admission \$3.00 per person. Tickets
available at the S.U.B.

9:30 pm Cinecenta Films, MacLaurin 144, "The Ruling Class" (1972).

SUNDAY, February 9

2:15 pm Soccer. UVic. UVic (Div, 2) vs. Island P.O.

8:00 pm University Film Society, MacLaurin 144, "Murder" (UK 1930) Alfred Hitchcock, Admission charge for non-members.



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